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1. LU Chi-i, also known as LU Fang-tzu (呂方子), secretary to LI Chi-shen since 1947, was in Hong Kong in January 1950 to audit the accounts of the Wen Hui Pao. He had been sent for this purpose by LI Chi-shen, chairman of the board of directors of the newspaper, in the hope that he might find some means of making the paper self-supporting or profitable. It has been losing money for some time.* In connection with his work on the Wen Hui Pao accounts, LU had occasion to visit Canton.
2. While in Hong Kong, LU resided at 52 Kennedy Road, first floor, the former headquarters of the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee (KMTRC) in Hong Kong, now a hostel for members of the Wen Hui Pao staff.
3. LU is a native of Kwangsi Province. After his graduation from a college in Shanghai, about 1937, he became an adviser to the Kwangsi Provincial Government under his uncle, LUI Kan-yim**, who was then governor. During the war LU moved to Chungking.
4. In 1947 LU became personal secretary to LI Chi-shen, and assisted him in organizing the KMTRC. When LI went to North China in December 1948, LU remained in Hong Kong to wind up the affairs of the KMTRC, after which he went to Peiping. He attended the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference as a KMTRC delegate.*** When the Chinese Communist government was established, LU was appointed a councillor of the Central Political Bureau.**** His duties involved travel in Northeast China to ascertain what help was needed in rehabilitation in that area. He reports that conditions there are very good.

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** Cantonese romanization.

*** [REDACTED] Comment. Press reports listed him as an alternate.

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*** Comment. Available information on the organization of the Chinese Communist government contains no mention of such a bureau or council.

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